

# Automated Commercial Environment—Requirements Recommendation

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## Requirement

### Single Window/Data Harmonization (G-7)

ITDS will provide a single window (middleware) between U.S. federal government agencies, other international government agencies and trade for the electronic collection, use, and dissemination of international trade data. The G-7 Countries have an agreed to standardization and simplification of customs data requirements. In addition, REDUCED DATA ELEMENTS FOR CARGO RELEASE and more data elements for declaration is required. ITDS will accept, maintain and support the “G7 Initiative on Customs Harmonization and Simplification”.

## Business Need

Government agency uniformity and seamless transitions will occur when multiple government agencies agree to; streamline and eliminate redundant or similar data elements, and to reduce required reporting requirements by the trade. In particular, this will provide a mechanism for sharing information electronically across international boundaries. The government will release cargo with minimum data elements.

## Technical Need

G-7 Customs Group uses agreed to standardized and simplified Customs Data Elements. The G-7 Customs Group has developed message implementation guidelines based on the UN/EDIFACT standard customs messages.

There are a MINIMUM of six (6) G-7 common data elements for release of cargo; 1) *Description of goods*, 2) *Origin of goods*, 3) *Gross weight*, 4) *Type and transport document number*, 5) *Name of importer or optionally, Agent or Broker*, 6) *Estimated Commercial Value (optional)*.

## Benefits

- Reduced data elements for release of cargo.
- Facilitate International Trade by reducing costs for trade and government.
- Promote economic growth.

The trade may file import/export data electronically only once through ITDS.

## Risks

- The G-7 data may not meet the needs of multiple government agencies.
- There are no specific/standard data formats established across all the government agencies.
- USCS, G-7 and International Chamber of Commerce Customs Committee must all agree to the proposed 6 data elements for cargo release.

#### Related Subcommittees

Multi-Modal Manifest Sub-Committee

**Priority:**    **Critical**   ☒        **High**   ☐        **Medium**   ☐        **Low**   ☐

#### Customs Use Only

Approved ☐    Not Approved ☐    Further Evaluation Required ☐